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Braille Stenographic machine

(Tape Writer)

User manual



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Operating Instructions

Braille Stenographic Machine (Marburg Tape Writer) Item-No. 00-56000

The machine embosses six-dot braille characters on paper strips. When closed, it is rectangular and is approx. 21 cm wide, 13 cm deep and 7 cm high. The front housing section is swung forward with the lever located on the upper side of the machine. The keyboard is now accessible. It has six keys for the dots and a space bar. The space bar is brought into operating position by swinging it to the front.

Arrangement of the keyboard, from left to right:

left ring finger key:	braille dot 3, bottom left
left middle finger key:	braille dot 2, centre left
left index finger key:	braille dot 1, upper left

Space bar: space

right index finger key:	braille dot 4, upper right
right middle finger key:	braille dot 5, centre right
right ring finger key:	braille dot 6, bottom right

The paper strip must be inserted before beginning to write. The paper chamber is opened by swinging the cover at the right rear of the machine to the right. The roll with the paper strip is inserted with its core on the spindle of the paper carrier plate and the lead end of the strip is inserted into the guide channel to the left rear. It is helpful here to hold the paper roll with the right hand and to feed the lead end as straight as possible into the pressure roller. The lead end of the strip must be under the pressure roller, which can be released somewhat by pressing to the left the lever on which the roller is mounted. The paper chamber is closed as soon as the pressure roller has gripped the paper strip, and the machine is ready for operation.

When writing, ensure that the keys return fully after each stroke to insure the correct paper transport.

For faster writing the machine can be set to "double strike" mode. In this mode the paper moves two spaces if you press the space bar. If you press the space bar together with the last character of a word you save the additional space bar stroke. Select the double strike mode by turning the small lever on the space bar shaft upwards.

When writing, take care to insert a new paper roll in time. When writing until the end of the paper (until the paper separates from the plastic spindle) you need more force to write. This might damage your machine. In addition, there is some glue at the end of the paper roll fixing it to the plastic spindle that might disturb the embossing head, and reduce the quality of braille dots.

There is a level indicator for the paper on the right side of the keyboard. The further it can be moved to the left, the less paper is on the roll. If it reaches the limit stop, the end of the paper has been reached. Now remove the paper strip from the plastic roller by tearing it off by hand taking care not to continue writing until the strip is torn off from the plastic roller by the machine.

Please follow these instructions carefully to avoid any damage to the embossing mechanism of your machine.

Use only 13 mm wide paper strip, glossy on one side. Other qualities can cause difficulties in advancing the strip.

Should difficulties arise during writing, return the machine to us freight paid (freight paid only within the two-year guarantee period). Make sure that the machine is carefully packed!

Do not forget to enclose your own address. A short description of the malfunction can speed up the repair.

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